LOCALIZED DRINKING WATER WARNING

Coliform bacteria detected in localized area of Flint water system BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Our water system detected the presence of collform bacteria in the water supply on September 3, 2014. We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. We took routine samples for colliform bacteria during on September 2, 2014 from all sampling locations throughout the city. The location near Flushing Road and Chevrolet Avenue showed the presence of colliform bacteria. We took three repeat samples at this location and at adjacent locations on September 3 and again on September 4, 2014. Two of the three samples on the 3rd showed the presence of total colliform bacteria and three of the three samples collected on the 4rd in this same area showed the presence of total colliform bacteria. On September 5th two of three sample showed presence of total colliform bacteria. Updated area of ML King and Pasadena. On September 4th one sample showed presence of total colliform bacteria. On September 5th two of the three samples at adjacent locations showed presence of total colliform bacteria. All other monitoring locations in the City continue to show no presence of Colliform bacteria.

What should I do?

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for one minute, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making lee, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and preparing food. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Continue using boiled or bottled water until further notice. This boil notice is limited to the area bordered by Dayton Street (north), DuPont Street (east), Flint River (south), and LaVelle Road to Flint River (west). The current boll water notice is being expanded to the north. This boil water notice is being expanded to the area bordered by Stewart Ave. (north), Saginaw (east), Hamilton Ave (south), and Clio Rd (west),

If you have a severely compromised immune system, have an infant, are pregnant, or are elderly, you may be at increased risk and should seek advice from your health care providers about drinking this water.

What does this mean?

Total colliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. Colliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present.

Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal collform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing. If we had, we would have notified you immediately. However, we are still finding collforms in the drinking water.

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What happened? What is being done?

We are still detecting collform bacteria. We will inform you when our sampling shows that no bacteria are detected. We are flushing the system and increasing the chlorine residual within the affected area. We anticipate resolving the problem within the next two to three days. In the meantime, please continue using boiled or bottled water until we notify you otherwise.

If you have questions, you may contact Mr. Brent Wright of the City of Flint at 810-787-6537, bwright@cityofflint.com , 4500 North Dort Highway, Flint Ml. 48505 or Daughtry Johnson, Utilities Administrator

(810) 766-7135, ext. 2602. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are

available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

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